

September 17, 2014
8:35 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Fred Springsteen, Jennie Scarborough, Kevin Greenwood and Mark Saelens, City Council Liaison. Absent: Karen Smith, Alisha Kern

Staff/Guests Present were Parks and Recreation Director Protiva, Don Andre; vice-President of the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association, and Paul Stangland, Parks & Recreation Committee applicant.

Public Comment

Stangland relayed his interest in filling a vacancy on the Committee.

Action Items

MOTION was made by Greenwood to approve the minutes of the July 16th meeting. Steinberg seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Steinberg to recommend Paul Stangland to fill the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Seconded by Greenwood. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Director's Report

Protiva reported that he had received a new committee application and would present it at the next meeting. Protiva provided the Committee with his monthly report and reviewed the information, including the success of the Buccaneer Rampage that was held on August 23rd, the absence of the Olalla Lake Triathlon, which was cancelled due to a staffing issue, the Bon Santé' event at the 60+ Center and the Artisans' Holiday Show in October. He also noted that Athletic Edge Gymnastics has indicated they will be coming back in February to present their annual tournament, which is great for local businesses.

Scarborough added that the Seahorse swim tournament was very successful, with over 300 swimmers participating. Protiva noted that the new pool was being designed to accommodate large tournaments. The Committee discussed the new pool design and the strategies for projected parking needs.

Steinberg presented a copy of the recent Oregon Coast magazine which featured an article on coastal trails and featured pictures of herself and Protiva using some of the trails in South Beach. She also added that she was working on an article for Travel Newport magazine which would be about the Newport Recreation Center.

Greenwood requested information regarding land near the Marine Heritage Center. Protiva and Saelens responded that the City had been approached about the use of the land and Derrick Tokos was handling the task.

Joint Meeting with Oregon Coast Community Forest Association

Saelens gave an overview of the creation of the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association (OCCFA).

Don Andre' detailed his background and involvement with the OCCFA and his ambitions for the organization.

Saelens addressed the grant opportunities and Tree City USA topics. He asked the Parks and Recreation Committee if they would support the OCCFA in their efforts to obtain another grant specifically for a management plan of Forest Park. Saelens stated that because the update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan had not been funded, that the group wanted to move forward with protecting Forest Park without it. The Committee discussed the possible future of Forest Park and other areas within City limits and what would be the best way to move forward.

Steinberg provided a list of criteria for Tree City USA renewal and how they might work together for Growth Award activities.

Discussion: Pump Track at Coast Park

Protiva gave an update on the pump track project and its potential location above Coast Park. He noted that there would be a public hearing and homeowners in the area would be notified of the project. The Council would address the project then and potentially approve it.

MOTION was made by Steinberg, seconded by Scarborough, for the Parks and Recreation Committee to reiterate their support for the pump track in its new form, and moving forward with the project. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Develop Next Agenda

Smoking in City Parks.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22nd, 2014, instead of the regular date which would be October 15th.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.